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### MAIN FEATURES

**NOTE.** The survey estimates are subject to sampling variability, as explained in paragraphs 15 to 18. Standard errors are shown in Table 1 and on page 3.

- . In June 1979 the estimated number of persons in the civilian labour force was 6,446,900 (4,115,600 males and 2,331,300 females), comprising 6,057,600 employed persons (3,909,600 males and 2,148,000 females) and 389,300 unemployed persons (206,000 males and 183,300 females).
- . Changes since June 1978 are as follows:

|                         | Males   | Females | Persons  |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Employed                | +49,600 | +16,100 | +65,700  |
| Unemployed              | -10,700 | + 7,700 | - 3,000  |
| Not in the labour force | +48,800 | +67,800 | +116,600 |

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

This publication contains preliminary estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the monthly population survey. More detailed estimates will be published in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Preliminary unemployment estimates have been issued in advance of this publication in *Unemployment, Preliminary Estimates* (6201.0).

#### The population survey

2. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers, the interviews generally being conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week prior to the interview (i.e. the survey week). Because of operational problems arising from the Christmas and New Year holidays, the December 1978 survey commenced a week earlier than usual (i.e. on 4 December), but most interviews were conducted during

the following week. The January 1979 survey commenced a week later than usual (i.e. on 15 January).

#### Scope

3. The survey includes all persons aged fifteen years and over except : members of the permanent defence forces; certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations; non-Australians on tour or holidaying in Australia; and members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

#### Definitions

4. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his *actual activity* (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions recommended by the ILO.

5. *Employed persons* comprise all those aged 15 years and over who, during the survey week :

- worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons); or
- worked for 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helper); or
- were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
- were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

6. *Unemployed persons* are those aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the survey week, and

(a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week and :

- were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or
- were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then;

or (b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

7. *Unemployed persons looking for first job* are those who had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job.

8. The *unemployment rate* for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

9. The *labour force* comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined in paragraphs 5 and 6.

10. The *labour force participation rate* for any group is the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

11. *Full-time workers* are those who usually work 35 hours a week or more and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. *Part-time workers* are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

12. *Persons not in the labour force* are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed'.

#### Revision of series

13. The survey estimates for February 1978 and subsequent months are based on population estimates derived from the 1976 Population Census, adjusted for under-enumeration, and were obtained by using a new sample and revised questionnaire. Estimates from August 1966 have been revised to the new basis and are not comparable with those in issues of this publication prior to February 1978.

#### Comparability of series

14. When comparing labour force estimates for February 1978 and subsequent months with those for earlier periods it should be noted that with the introduction of monthly surveys the interviews are now conducted during a two-week period, whereas formerly

the period was four weeks. The change of timing may affect the level of the figures for any month, but particularly for months during which the employment status of the population may be changing rapidly.

#### Reliability of the estimates

15. Since the survey estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them, are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ by chance from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the surveys. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

16. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown in Table 1. Standard errors of other estimates and other *monthly* movements should be determined by using Tables A and B on page 3. Further information on standard errors is contained in the Technical Note in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0).

17. *The smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error.* Very small estimates are subject to such high relative standard errors as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. Estimates below the levels shown in Table A and percentages based on such estimates have not been included. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

18. Examples of the calculation and use of standard errors are given below :

- From Table A it will be seen that the estimate of 192,800 unemployed males looking for full-time work in June 1979 has a standard error of about 5,100 and therefore there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will be within the range 187,700 to 197,900 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will be within the range 182,600 to 203,000.
- The estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males looking for full-time work from May to June 1979 is a decrease of 4,900. Table B relates the standard error of the monthly movement to the larger of the two estimates from which the movement is derived. In this case the May 1979 estimate (197,700) is the larger. From Table B it will be seen that the standard error of the monthly movement is about 4,300. Therefore there are about two chances in three that if all dwellings had been included in the surveys the movement would have been within the range -9,200 to -600 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it

would have been within the range -13,500 to +3,700.

#### Seasonally adjusted estimates

19. Seasonally adjusted quarterly estimates of the labour force are shown in Table 1. Calculation of seasonally adjusted monthly figures will not be possible until results of monthly surveys for two or three years are available. The move to the higher level of unemployment since 1974 appears to have been accompanied by shifts in the pattern of seasonal variation. For this reason the publication of seasonally adjusted quarterly figures of unemployment was suspended as from November 1977. The matter will be kept under review.

#### Related publications

20. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

*Unemployment (Preliminary estimates) (6201.0)*

*The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)*

*Information Paper : Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey (6232.0)*

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications (1101.0)*, which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

- \* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 17, page 2.
- n.a. not available.
- .. not applicable.
- r revised.

Figures have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE A - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

| Size of estimate | N.S.W. | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas.  | N.T.  | A.C.T. | Australia  |      |
|------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------------|------|
|                  |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |        | — number — |      |
| 1,500            |        |       |       |       |       | 300   | —     | —      |            |      |
| 2,000            |        |       |       |       |       | 340   | 470   | 440    |            |      |
| 2,500            |        |       |       | 510   | 510   | 380   | 510   | 480    |            |      |
| 3,000            |        |       |       | 550   | 560   | 410   | 550   | 510    |            |      |
| 3,500            |        |       | 740   | 590   | 590   | 430   | 590   | 540    |            |      |
| 4,000            |        |       | 780   | 620   | 630   | 460   | 620   | 560    |            |      |
| 4,500            | 1,000  | 1,000 | 820   | 650   | 660   | 480   | 650   | 590    | 970        | 21.6 |
| 5,000            | 1,100  | 1,100 | 860   | 680   | 690   | 500   | 680   | 610    | 1,000      | 20.0 |
| 6,000            | 1,200  | 1,200 | 930   | 730   | 750   | 530   | 740   | 650    | 1,100      | 18.0 |
| 10,000           | 1,500  | 1,400 | 1,200 | 900   | 920   | 640   | 910   | 750    | 1,400      | 14.0 |
| 20,000           | 2,000  | 1,900 | 1,500 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 810   | 1,200 | 910    | 2,000      | 10.0 |
| 50,000           | 3,000  | 2,700 | 2,200 | 1,600 | 1,700 | 1,100 | 1,700 | 1,100  | 2,900      | 5.8  |
| 100,000          | 3,900  | 3,500 | 2,800 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 1,300 |       | 1,300  | 3,900      | 3.9  |
| 200,000          | 5,000  | 4,400 | 3,600 | 2,600 | 2,600 | 1,500 |       |        | 5,100      | 2.6  |
| 300,000          | 5,800  | 5,000 | 4,100 | 2,900 | 2,900 |       |       |        | 6,000      | 2.0  |
| 500,000          | 6,900  | 5,800 | 4,800 | 3,300 | 3,300 |       |       |        | 7,200      | 1.4  |
| 1,000,000        | 8,500  | 7,000 | 5,900 |       |       |       |       |        | 9,100      | 0.9  |
| 2,000,000        | 10,000 | 8,400 |       |       |       |       |       |        | 11,000     | 0.6  |
| 5,000,000        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |        | 15,000     | 0.3  |

TABLE B - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF MONTHLY MOVEMENTS (a)

| Size of larger estimate | N.S.W. | Vic.  | Qld   | S.A.  | W.A.  | Tas. | N.T.  | A.C.T. | Australia |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|-----------|
| 1,500                   |        |       |       |       |       | 250  | —     | —      |           |
| 2,000                   |        |       |       |       |       | 270  | 380   | 370    |           |
| 2,500                   |        |       |       | 490   | 490   | 290  | 420   | 390    |           |
| 3,000                   |        |       |       | 520   | 530   | 310  | 460   | 410    |           |
| 3,500                   |        |       | 730   | 540   | 560   | 330  | 490   | 430    |           |
| 4,000                   |        |       | 760   | 570   | 580   | 340  | 520   | 450    |           |
| 4,500                   | 1,000  | 1,000 | 790   | 590   | 610   | 360  | 550   | 460    | 1,100     |
| 5,000                   | 1,100  | 1,100 | 820   | 610   | 630   | 370  | 570   | 480    | 1,200     |
| 6,000                   | 1,200  | 1,200 | 880   | 650   | 670   | 390  | 620   | 500    | 1,200     |
| 10,000                  | 1,400  | 1,400 | 1,000 | 760   | 790   | 460  | 760   | 570    | 1,500     |
| 20,000                  | 1,800  | 1,700 | 1,300 | 930   | 970   | 550  | 1,000 | 670    | 2,000     |
| 50,000                  | 2,500  | 2,300 | 1,700 | 1,200 | 1,300 | 690  | 1,400 | 790    | 2,700     |
| 100,000                 | 3,200  | 2,800 | 2,100 | 1,400 | 1,500 | 810  |       | 880    | 3,400     |
| 200,000                 | 3,900  | 3,300 | 2,500 | 1,700 | 1,800 | 920  |       |        | 4,300     |
| 300,000                 | 4,400  | 3,700 | 2,800 | 1,900 | 1,900 |      |       |        | 4,900     |
| 500,000                 | 5,100  | 4,200 | 3,200 | 2,100 | 2,200 |      |       |        | 5,700     |
| 1,000,000               | 6,100  | 4,900 | 3,800 |       |       |      |       |        | 6,800     |
| 2,000,000               | 7,200  | 5,600 |       |       |       |      |       |        | 8,200     |
| 5,000,000               |        |       |       |       |       |      |       |        | 10,000    |

(a) Movements between corresponding months of consecutive years, or between two other non-consecutive months will generally be subject to somewhat greater sampling variability than is indicated in Table B. Standard errors of quarterly movements can be obtained by multiplying the figures in Table B by 1.4. Standard errors of annual movements can be obtained by multiplying the figures in Table A by 1.4.

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (a)

| Month                | Employed | Unemployed                             |       |                            |              |          |                     |                     |  |                   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|----------|--|-------|----------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|                      |          | Looking for full-time work             |       |                            | Labour force |          |                     |                     | Civilian population aged 15 years and over |                   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                      |          | Aged 15-19 years looking for first job | Total | Looking for part-time work | Total        | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Not in labour force | 15 years and over                          | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                      |          | - '000 -                               |       |                            |              |          |                     |                     |  |                   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MALES                |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |                     |  |                   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1978 -               |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |                     |  |                   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May                  | 3,863.5  | 18.0                                   | 194.8 | 14.4                       | 209.1        | 4,072.6  | 4,063.9             | 1,087.2             | 5,159.8                                    | 5.1               | 78.9               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June                 | 3,860.0  | 16.7                                   | 205.4 | 11.3                       | 216.7        | 4,076.7  | n.a.                | 1,091.0             | 5,167.7                                    | 5.3               | 78.9               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July                 | 3,848.2  | 14.1                                   | 202.4 | 8.7                        | 211.1        | 4,059.3  | n.a.                | 1,114.8             | 5,174.1                                    | 5.2               | 78.5               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August               | 3,832.3  | 18.1                                   | 207.3 | 14.2                       | 221.5        | 4,053.8  | 4,075.8             | 1,126.6             | 5,180.4                                    | 5.5               | 78.3               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| September            | 3,840.9  | 19.9                                   | 204.7 | 13.4                       | 218.1        | 4,059.0  | n.a.                | 1,126.9             | 5,186.0                                    | 5.4               | 78.3               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October              | 3,854.7  | 19.1                                   | 194.0 | 13.9                       | 207.9        | 4,062.7  | n.a.                | 1,128.5             | 5,191.1                                    | 5.1               | 78.3               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| November             | 3,846.1  | 18.0                                   | 191.0 | 15.4                       | 206.4        | 4,052.4  | 4,067.5             | 1,147.5             | 5,199.9                                    | 5.1               | 77.9               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December             | 3,923.7  | 40.4                                   | 219.9 | 21.6                       | 241.6        | 4,165.3  | n.a.                | 1,048.9             | 5,214.1                                    | 5.8               | 79.9               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1979 -               |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |                     |  |                   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January              | 3,869.2  | 42.4                                   | 235.2 | 14.8                       | 250.0        | 4,119.3  | n.a.                | 1,098.9             | 5,218.2                                    | 6.1               | 78.9               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February             | 3,893.6  | 33.0                                   | 229.5 | 12.3                       | 241.8        | 4,135.4  | 4,107.1             | 1,091.9             | 5,227.3                                    | 5.8               | 79.1               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March                | 3,904.2  | 24.1                                   | 206.6 | 16.5                       | 223.1        | 4,127.4  | n.a.                | 1,111.3             | 5,238.6                                    | 5.4               | 78.8               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April                | 3,907.4  | 25.6                                   | 202.1 | 15.1                       | 217.2        | 4,124.6  | n.a.                | 1,120.6             | 5,245.2                                    | 5.3               | 78.6               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May                  | 3,908.3  | 22.0                                   | 197.7 | 13.0                       | 210.6        | 4,118.9  | 4,110.0             | 1,132.4             | 5,251.3                                    | 5.1               | 78.4               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June                 | 3,909.6  | 19.7                                   | 192.8 | 13.2                       | 206.0        | 4,115.6  | n.a.                | 1,139.8             | 5,255.4                                    | 5.0               | 78.3               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Standard error of -  |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |                     |  |                   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June estimates       | 13.8     | 2.0                                    | 5.1   | 1.6                        | 5.2          | 14.0     | ..                  | 9.5                 | ..   | 0.1               | 0.3                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May to June movement | 9.7      | 2.0                                    | 4.3   | 1.7                        | 4.4          | 9.8      | ..                  | 7.1                 | ..   | 0.1               | 0.2                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MARRIED WOMEN        |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |                     |  |                   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1978 -               |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |                     |  |                   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May                  | 1,356.5  | *                                      | 49.8  | 34.1                       | 83.9         | 1,440.4  | 1,439.5             | 1,958.7             | 3,399.1                                    | 5.8               | 42.4               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June                 | 1,345.4  | *                                      | 46.0  | 34.5                       | 80.5         | 1,425.9  | n.a.                | 1,977.6             | 3,403.5                                    | 5.6               | 41.9               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July                 | 1,368.7  | *                                      | 44.1  | 28.2                       | 72.4         | 1,441.1  | n.a.                | 1,967.8             | 3,408.9                                    | 5.0               | 42.3               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August               | 1,357.7  | *                                      | 47.0  | 30.3                       | 77.2         | 1,434.9  | 1,438.1             | 1,977.5             | 3,412.4                                    | 5.4               | 42.1               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| September            | 1,358.9  | *                                      | 40.5  | 29.9                       | 70.4         | 1,429.3  | n.a.                | 1,979.2             | 3,408.5                                    | 4.9               | 41.9               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October              | 1,368.7  | *                                      | 38.7  | 28.2                       | 66.9         | 1,435.6  | n.a.                | 1,971.3             | 3,406.9                                    | 4.7               | 42.1               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| November             | 1,373.4  | *                                      | 34.9  | 28.5                       | 63.4         | 1,436.8  | 1,434.7             | 1,983.6             | 3,420.5                                    | 4.4               | 42.0               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December             | 1,373.6  | *                                      | 31.5  | 24.0                       | 55.5         | 1,429.2  | n.a.                | 2,006.7             | 3,435.9                                    | 3.9               | 41.6               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1979 -               |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |                     |  |                   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January              | 1,281.6  | *                                      | 38.4  | 25.4                       | 63.8         | 1,345.4  | n.a.                | 2,101.9             | 3,447.4                                    | 4.7               | 39.0               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| February             | 1,346.1  | *                                      | 45.5  | 40.3                       | 85.7         | 1,431.8  | 1,432.5             | 2,024.9             | 3,456.7                                    | 6.0               | 41.4               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March                | 1,364.7  | *                                      | 48.2  | 36.6                       | 84.8         | 1,449.5  | n.a.                | 2,002.7             | 3,452.1                                    | 5.8               | 42.0               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April                | 1,358.5  | *                                      | 45.4  | 38.1                       | 83.5         | 1,442.0  | n.a.                | 2,007.9             | 3,449.9                                    | 5.8               | 41.8               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May                  | 1,356.3  | *                                      | 40.0  | 32.2                       | 72.2         | 1,428.5  | 1,427.2             | 2,035.9             | 3,464.4                                    | 5.1               | 41.2               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June                 | 1,362.6  | *                                      | 38.3  | 34.7                       | 73.0         | 1,435.6  | n.a.                | 2,009.4             | 3,445.0                                    | 5.1               | 41.7               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Standard error of -  |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |                     |  |                   |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June estimates       | 10.0     | ..                                     | 2.6   | 2.5                        | 3.4          | 10.2     | ..                  | 11.3                | ..   | 0.2               | 0.3                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May to June movement | 7.4      | ..                                     | 2.5   | 2.4                        | 3.1          | 7.5      | ..                  | 8.3                 | ..   | 0.2               | 0.2                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

For footnotes see page 5.

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (a) - *continued*

| Month                | Employed | Unemployed                             |       |                            |              |          |                     |  |                   |                    |      |  |
|----------------------|----------|--|-------|----------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|------|--|
|                      |          | Looking for full-time work             |       |                            | Labour force |          |                     | Civilian population aged 15 years and over |                   |                    |      |  |
|                      |          | Aged 15-19 years looking for first job | Total | Looking for part-time work | Total        | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Not in labour force                        | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |      |  |
| - '000 -             |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |  |                   |                    |      |  |
| ALL FEMALES          |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |  |                   |                    |      |  |
| 1978 -               |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |  |                   |                    |      |  |
| May                  | 2,135.3  | 23.9                                   | 136.8 | 49.3                       | 186.2        | 2,321.4  | 2,317.0             | 2,964.5                                    | 5,285.9           | 8.0                | 43.9 |  |
| June                 | 2,131.9  | 18.0                                   | 125.2 | 50.5                       | 175.6        | 2,307.5  | n.a.                | 2,987.6                                    | 5,295.1           | 7.6                | 43.6 |  |
| July                 | 2,149.8  | 17.8                                   | 123.0 | 43.9                       | 166.9        | 2,316.8  | n.a.                | 2,984.8                                    | 5,301.6           | 7.2                | 43.7 |  |
| August               | 2,137.2  | 20.8                                   | 125.3 | 48.9                       | 174.2        | 2,311.5  | 2,327.1             | 2,997.3                                    | 5,308.7           | 7.5                | 43.5 |  |
| September            | 2,144.1  | 19.3                                   | 120.1 | 46.3                       | 166.4        | 2,310.5  | n.a.                | 3,003.4                                    | 5,313.9           | 7.2                | 43.5 |  |
| October              | 2,151.9  | 17.4                                   | 111.9 | 47.7                       | 159.6        | 2,311.5  | n.a.                | 3,007.6                                    | 5,319.0           | 6.9                | 43.5 |  |
| November             | 2,151.2  | 20.3                                   | 117.9 | 45.5                       | 163.3        | 2,314.6  | 2,320.3             | 3,014.5                                    | 5,329.1           | 7.1                | 43.4 |  |
| December             | 2,173.8  | 47.1                                   | 153.9 | 45.8                       | 199.7        | 2,373.5  | n.a.                | 2,970.9                                    | 5,344.3           | 8.4                | 44.4 |  |
| 1979 -               |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |  |                   |                    |      |  |
| January              | 2,070.7  | 45.3                                   | 155.9 | 40.2                       | 196.1        | 2,266.8  | n.a.                | 3,081.1                                    | 5,347.9           | 8.7                | 42.4 |  |
| February             | 2,125.4  | 36.1                                   | 152.2 | 59.9                       | 212.1        | 2,337.5  | 2,322.4             | 3,019.6                                    | 5,357.1           | 9.1                | 43.6 |  |
| March                | 2,157.4  | 30.8                                   | 146.9 | 54.9                       | 201.8        | 2,359.2  | n.a.                | 3,006.5                                    | 5,365.7           | 8.6                | 44.0 |  |
| April                | 2,149.0  | 30.0                                   | 144.2 | 55.3                       | 199.5        | 2,348.5  | n.a.                | 3,027.2                                    | 5,375.7           | 8.5                | 43.7 |  |
| May                  | 2,135.0  | 28.9                                   | 137.5 | 48.5                       | 186.0        | 2,321.0  | 2,315.7             | 3,061.3                                    | 5,382.3           | 8.0                | 43.1 |  |
| June                 | 2,148.0  | 27.2                                   | 130.7 | 52.6                       | 183.3        | 2,331.3  | n.a.                | 3,055.4                                    | 5,386.7           | 7.9                | 43.3 |  |
| Standard error of -  |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |  |                   |                    |      |  |
| June estimates       | 11.6     | 2.3                                    | 4.3   | 3.0                        | 5.0          | 11.9     | ..                  | 12.9                                       | ..                | 0.2                | 0.2  |  |
| May to June movement | 8.4      | 2.3                                    | 3.8   | 2.8                        | 4.2          | 8.5      | ..                  | 9.1  | ..                | 0.2                | 0.2  |  |
| PERSONS              |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |  |                   |                    |      |  |
| 1978 -               |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |  |                   |                    |      |  |
| May                  | 5,998.7  | 41.8                                   | 331.6 | 63.7                       | 395.3        | 6,394.0  | 6,382.0             | 4,051.7                                    | 10,445.7          | 6.2                | 61.2 |  |
| June                 | 5,991.9  | 34.6                                   | 330.5 | 61.8                       | 392.3        | 6,384.2  | n.a.                | 4,078.6                                    | 10,462.8          | 6.1                | 61.0 |  |
| July                 | 5,998.1  | 31.9                                   | 325.4 | 52.6                       | 378.0        | 6,376.1  | n.a.                | 4,099.6                                    | 10,475.7          | 5.9                | 60.9 |  |
| August               | 5,969.6  | 38.9                                   | 332.6 | 63.1                       | 395.7        | 6,365.3  | 6,404.0             | 4,123.8                                    | 10,489.1          | 6.2                | 60.7 |  |
| September            | 5,985.1  | 39.2                                   | 324.8 | 59.7                       | 384.5        | 6,369.6  | n.a.                | 4,130.3                                    | 10,499.9          | 6.0                | 60.7 |  |
| October              | 6,006.6  | 36.5                                   | 305.9 | 61.6                       | 367.5        | 6,374.1  | n.a.                | 4,136.1                                    | 10,510.2          | 5.8                | 60.6 |  |
| November             | 5,997.3  | 38.3                                   | 308.8 | 60.9                       | 369.7        | 6,367.0  | 6,388.1             | 4,162.0                                    | 10,529.1          | 5.8                | 60.5 |  |
| December             | 6,097.5  | 87.5                                   | 373.8 | 67.4                       | 441.2        | 6,538.7  | n.a.                | 4,019.8                                    | 10,558.5          | 6.7                | 61.9 |  |
| 1979 -               |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |  |                   |                    |      |  |
| January              | 5,939.9  | 87.7                                   | 391.1 | 55.0                       | 446.2        | 6,386.1  | n.a.                | 4,180.0                                    | 10,566.1          | 7.0                | 60.4 |  |
| February             | 6,018.9  | 69.1                                   | 381.7 | 72.3                       | 453.9        | 6,472.9  | 6,427.1             | 4,111.5                                    | 10,584.4          | 7.0                | 61.2 |  |
| March                | 6,061.6  | 54.9                                   | 353.5 | 71.4                       | 425.0        | 6,486.6  | n.a.                | 4,117.7                                    | 10,604.3          | 6.6                | 61.2 |  |
| April                | 6,056.4  | 55.6                                   | 346.4 | 70.4                       | 416.8        | 6,473.1  | n.a.                | 4,147.8                                    | 10,621.0          | 6.4                | 60.9 |  |
| May                  | 6,043.3  | 51.0                                   | 335.1 | 61.4                       | 396.6        | 6,439.9  | 6,426.7             | 4,193.6                                    | 10,633.5          | 6.2                | 60.6 |  |
| June                 | 6,057.6  | 46.9                                   | 323.6 | 65.8                       | 389.3        | 6,446.9  | n.a.                | 4,195.2                                    | 10,642.1          | 6.0                | 60.6 |  |
| Standard error of -  |          |  |       |                            |              |          |                     |  |                   |                    |      |  |
| June estimates       | 15.6     | 2.9                                    | 6.1   | 3.3                        | 6.6          | 15.9     | ..                  | 14.1                                       | ..                | 0.1                | 0.1  |  |
| May to June movement | 10.7     | 2.7                                    | 5.0   | 3.0                        | 5.3          | 10.8     | ..                  | 9.8  | ..                | 0.1                | 0.1  |  |

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 3. For definitions see paragraphs 4 to 12. Seasonally adjusted figures are available only at quarterly intervals. See paragraph 19. For information on standard errors see paragraphs 15 to 18.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS  
STATES AND TERRITORIES, JUNE 1979 (a)

| State or Territory | Employed | Unemployed                 |                            |       | Labour force<br>- '000 - | Not in labour force | Civilian population aged 15 years and over | Unemployment rate | Participation rate<br>— per cent — |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                    |          | Looking for full-time work | Looking for part-time work | Total |                          |                     |  |                   |                                    |  |  |  |  |
|                    |          | — '000 —                   |                            |       |                          |                     |  |                   |                                    |  |  |  |  |
| MALES              |          |                            |                            |       |                          |                     |  |                   |                                    |  |  |  |  |
| N.S.W.             | 1,371.9  | 70.0                       | *                          | 73.5  | 1,445.4                  | 415.0               | 1,860.4                                    | 5.1               | 77.7                               |  |  |  |  |
| Vic.               | 1,050.5  | 42.7                       | *                          | 46.4  | 1,096.9                  | 300.6               | 1,397.5                                    | 4.2               | 78.5                               |  |  |  |  |
| Qld                | 587.8    | 30.9                       | *                          | 32.7  | 620.5                    | 178.1               | 798.5                                      | 5.3               | 77.7                               |  |  |  |  |
| S.A.               | 352.0    | 22.4                       | *                          | 23.9  | 376.0                    | 101.7               | 477.6                                      | 6.4               | 78.7                               |  |  |  |  |
| W.A.               | 341.5    | 19.5                       | *                          | 20.9  | 362.4                    | 94.9                | 457.3                                      | 5.8               | 79.2                               |  |  |  |  |
| Tas. (b)           | 113.1    | 4.0                        | *                          | 4.2   | 117.3                    | 33.4                | 150.7                                      | 3.6               | 77.8                               |  |  |  |  |
| N.T.               | 35.7     | *                          | *                          | *     | 36.7                     | 4.9                 | 41.6                                       | *                 | 88.2                               |  |  |  |  |
| A.C.T.             | 57.2     | 2.5                        | *                          | 3.3   | 60.5                     | 11.3                | 71.7                                       | 5.5               | 84.3                               |  |  |  |  |
| Australia          | 3,909.6  | 192.8                      | 13.2                       | 206.0 | 4,115.6                  | 1,139.8             | 5,255.4                                    | 5.0               | 78.3                               |  |  |  |  |
| FEMALES            |          |                            |                            |       |                          |                     |  |                   |                                    |  |  |  |  |
| N.S.W.             | 742.1    | 42.5                       | 17.2                       | 59.7  | 801.8                    | 1,120.7             | 1,922.5                                    | 7.4               | 41.7                               |  |  |  |  |
| Vic.               | 596.2    | 33.0                       | 15.4                       | 48.4  | 644.6                    | 801.2               | 1,445.8                                    | 7.5               | 44.6                               |  |  |  |  |
| Qld                | 307.3    | 20.8                       | 9.1                        | 29.8  | 337.1                    | 476.5               | 813.6                                      | 8.9               | 41.4                               |  |  |  |  |
| S.A.               | 201.7    | 16.3                       | 4.3                        | 20.6  | 222.3                    | 271.4               | 493.7                                      | 9.3               | 45.0                               |  |  |  |  |
| W.A.               | 188.4    | 11.8                       | 4.3                        | 16.1  | 204.4                    | 243.9               | 448.3                                      | 7.9               | 45.6                               |  |  |  |  |
| Tas. (b)           | 60.2     | 3.1                        | *                          | 3.7   | 63.9                     | 89.9                | 153.7                                      | 5.8               | 41.6                               |  |  |  |  |
| N.T.               | 14.2     | *                          | *                          | *     | 15.6                     | 17.3                | 32.9                                       | *                 | 47.5                               |  |  |  |  |
| A.C.T.             | 37.9     | 2.2                        | *                          | 3.6   | 41.5                     | 34.6                | 76.2                                       | 8.7               | 54.5                               |  |  |  |  |
| Australia          | 2,148.0  | 130.7                      | 52.6                       | 183.3 | 2,331.3                  | 3,055.4             | 5,386.7                                    | 7.9               | 43.3                               |  |  |  |  |
| PERSONS            |          |                            |                            |       |                          |                     |  |                   |                                    |  |  |  |  |
| N.S.W.             | 2,114.1  | 112.5                      | 20.7                       | 133.2 | 2,247.2                  | 1,535.7             | 3,782.9                                    | 5.9               | 59.4                               |  |  |  |  |
| Vic.               | 1,646.7  | 75.7                       | 19.1                       | 94.7  | 1,741.5                  | 1,101.8             | 2,843.2                                    | 5.4               | 61.2                               |  |  |  |  |
| Qld                | 895.1    | 51.6                       | 11.0                       | 62.6  | 957.6                    | 654.5               | 1,612.1                                    | 6.5               | 59.4                               |  |  |  |  |
| S.A.               | 553.7    | 38.8                       | 5.8                        | 44.6  | 598.2                    | 373.1               | 971.3                                      | 7.5               | 61.6                               |  |  |  |  |
| W.A.               | 529.8    | 31.3                       | 5.7                        | 37.0  | 566.8                    | 338.8               | 905.6                                      | 6.5               | 62.6                               |  |  |  |  |
| Tas. (b)           | 173.3    | 7.1                        | *                          | 7.9   | 181.2                    | 123.2               | 304.4                                      | 4.4               | 59.5                               |  |  |  |  |
| N.T.               | 49.9     | *                          | *                          | 2.4   | 52.3                     | 22.2                | 74.5                                       | 4.6               | 70.2                               |  |  |  |  |
| A.C.T.             | 95.1     | 4.8                        | 2.1                        | 6.9   | 102.0                    | 45.9                | 147.9                                      | 6.8               | 69.0                               |  |  |  |  |
| Australia          | 6,057.6  | 323.6                      | 65.8                       | 389.3 | 6,446.9                  | 4,195.2             | 10,642.1                                   | 6.0               | 60.6                               |  |  |  |  |

(a) See footnote (a) to Table 1. (b) Tasmanian figures are under investigation as the estimates for unemployed persons appear to be low.

TABLE 3. EMPLOYED PERSONS, JUNE 1979 (a)

|  | Males   | Married women | Other females (b) | All females | Persons |
|--|---------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|---------|
| NUMBER ('000)                            |         |               |                   |             |         |
| All employed persons                     | 3,909.6 | 1,362.6       | 785.4             | 2,148.0     | 6,057.6 |
| Full-time workers                        | 3,707.6 | 770.9         | 631.5             | 1,402.3     | 5,109.9 |
| Part-time workers                        | 202.0   | 591.7         | 154.0             | 745.7       | 947.7   |
| Preferred not to work more hours         | 161.6   | 544.3         | 122.9             | 667.2       | 828.8   |
| Preferred to work more hours             | 40.4    | 47.4          | 31.1              | 78.5        | 118.9   |
| Were actively looking for full-time work | 19.2    | 8.8           | 11.4              | 20.2        | 39.4    |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED (c)          |         |               |                   |             |         |
| All employed persons                     | 40.0    | 28.4          | 32.3              | 29.8        | 36.4    |
| Full-time workers                        | 41.2    | 38.1          | 36.9              | 37.5        | 40.2    |
| Part-time workers                        | 16.6    | 15.8          | 13.7              | 15.4        | 15.6    |

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 3. For definitions see paragraphs 4 to 12. (b) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced. (c) Averages have been calculated by using actual hours worked during the survey week, not hours paid for. All employed persons, including those who did not work during the survey week, have been included in the calculations. When recording hours worked, fractions of an hour are disregarded. This procedure results in a slight lowering of the average hours figures. The figures may be affected by public holidays, leave, absenteeism; temporary absence from work due to sickness, accidents and industrial disputes; and work stoppages due to bad weather, plant breakdown, etc.

TABLE 4. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND AGE, JUNE 1979 (a)  
('000)

| Age group<br>(years)                    | Employed      |               |         | Unemployed                          |                                     |       | Labour<br>force | Not in<br>labour<br>force | Civilian<br>population<br>aged 15<br>years and<br>over |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------------|--|
|   | Full-<br>time | Part-<br>time | Total   | Looking<br>for<br>full-time<br>work | Looking<br>for<br>part-time<br>work | Total |                 |                           |  |
| 15-19                                   | 510.5         | 121.4         | 631.9   | 111.4                               | 18.9                                | 130.3 | 762.2           | 521.4                     | 1,283.6  |
| Left school –<br>1978 to survey<br>date | 147.4         | 25.4          | 172.8   | 45.0                                | *                                   | 48.8  | 221.6           | 54.4                      | 276.0  |
| 20-24                                   | 792.2         | 81.7          | 874.0   | 75.4                                | 8.3                                 | 83.7  | 957.7           | 246.0                     | 1,203.7  |
| 25 and over                             | 3,807.1       | 744.6         | 4,551.7 | 136.7                               | 38.6                                | 175.3 | 4,727.0         | 3,427.8                   | 8,154.8  |
| Total                                   | 5,109.9       | 947.7         | 6,057.6 | 323.6                               | 65.8                                | 389.3 | 6,446.9         | 4,195.2                   | 10,642.1   |

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 3. For definitions see paragraphs 4 to 12.

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, JUNE 1979 (a)

|                            | Number ('000) |         |         | Unemployment rate (per cent) |         |         |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                            | Males         | Females | Persons | Males                        | Females | Persons |
| LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK |               |         |         |                              |         |         |
| Total                      | 192.8         | 130.7   | 323.6   | 4.9                          | 8.5     | 6.0     |
| Married                    | 68.5          | 38.3    | 106.8   | 2.5                          | 4.7     | 3.0     |
| Not married (b)            | 124.3         | 92.4    | 216.7   | 10.6                         | 12.8    | 11.4    |
| Aged 15-19 years           | 51.1          | 60.3    | 111.4   | 14.8                         | 21.8    | 17.9    |
| Attending school           | 4.6           | *       | 8.8     | n.a.                         | *       | n.a.    |
| Aged 20-24 years           | 44.0          | 31.4    | 75.4    | 8.6                          | 8.8     | 8.7     |
| Aged 25 years and over     | 97.8          | 39.0    | 136.7   | 3.2                          | 4.3     | 3.5     |
| Born in Australia          | 137.2         | 99.6    | 236.8   | 4.8                          | 8.8     | 6.0     |
| Born outside Australia     | 55.6          | 31.1    | 86.7    | 5.3                          | 7.7     | 6.0     |
| Arrived before 1971        | 37.0          | 19.6    | 56.6    | 4.5                          | 6.8     | 5.1     |
| 1971 to 1977               | 12.5          | 7.7     | 20.2    | 6.3                          | 8.1     | 6.9     |
| 1978 to survey date        | 6.1           | *       | 9.9     | 16.4                         | *       | 17.8    |
| LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK |               |         |         |                              |         |         |
| Total                      | 13.2          | 52.6    | 65.8    | 6.1                          | 6.6     | 6.5     |
| Aged 15-19 years           | 5.9           | 12.9    | 18.9    | 10.1                         | 15.9    | 13.5    |
| Attending school           | *             | 7.8     | 12.1    | *                            | 16.7    | 15.0    |
| Aged 20-24 years           | *             | 6.0     | 8.3     | *                            | 9.9     | 9.2     |
| Aged 25 years and over     | 5.0           | 33.6    | 38.6    | 3.9                          | 5.1     | 4.9     |

For footnotes see Table 3.

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : STATE CAPITAL CITIES, JUNE 1979 (a)

| Capital city | Number ('000)                    |                                  |       | Unemployment rate (per cent)     |                                  |       |
|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
|              | Looking for<br>full-time<br>work | Looking for<br>part-time<br>work | Total | Looking for<br>full-time<br>work | Looking for<br>part-time<br>work | Total |
| Sydney       | 60.2                             | 12.8                             | 73.0  | 4.8                              | 5.6                              | 4.9   |
| Melbourne    | 53.4                             | 14.7                             | 68.1  | 4.9                              | 7.7                              | 5.3   |
| Brisbane     | 23.9                             | 4.5                              | 28.4  | 6.2                              | 6.8                              | 6.3   |
| Adelaide     | 29.6                             | 4.6                              | 34.1  | 8.3                              | 6.2                              | 8.0   |
| Perth        | 22.8                             | 4.6                              | 27.4  | 7.0                              | 6.4                              | 6.9   |
| Hobart (b)   | 2.8                              | *                                | 3.3   | 4.5                              | *                                | 4.5   |
| Total        | 192.7                            | 41.6                             | 234.3 | 5.6                              | 6.5                              | 5.7   |

(a) See note (a) to Table 4. (b) See footnote (b) to table 2.

TABLE 7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, JUNE 1979 (a)

| Industry division or sub-division (b)                                     | Number ('000) | Occupation group  | Number ('000) |
|---|---------------|---|---------------|
| Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years | 239.4         | Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years | 239.4         |
| Agriculture and services to agriculture                                   | 12.8          | Professional, technical, etc.   | 13.3          |
| Manufacturing   | 62.0          | Administrative, executive and managerial                                  | *             |
| Food, beverages and tobacco   | 16.2          | Clerical  | 29.0          |
| Metal products  | 7.9           | Sales   | 24.7          |
| Other manufacturing   | 38.0          | Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.                                  | 19.9          |
| Construction  | 29.5          | Miners, quarrymen, etc.   | *             |
| Wholesale and retail trade  | 59.6          | Transport and communication   | 8.4           |
| Transport and storage   | 8.3           | Tradesmen, production-process workers                                     |               |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and business services                     | 11.0          | and labourers, n.e.c.   | 108.9         |
| Community services  | 17.8          | Service, sport and recreation   | 29.6          |
| Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services      | 24.3          |   |               |
| Other industries  | 14.2          |   |               |
| Stood down (c)  | 8.5           |   |               |
| Other (d)   | 141.4         |   |               |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>389.3</b>  |   |               |

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 3. For definitions see paragraphs 4 to 12. (b) Classified according to the Australian Standard Industrial Classification, 1969. (c) For definition, see paragraph 6(b). (d) Had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job or had not done so in the last two years. Industry and occupation were not obtained for these persons.

TABLE 8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JUNE 1979 (a)

|  | Males        | Married women | Other females (b) | All females  | Persons        |                |              |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
|  |              |               |                   |              | Full-time work | Part-time work | Total        |  |  |  |  |
| NUMBER ('000)                            |              |               |                   |              |                |                |              |  |  |  |  |
| Duration of unemployment (weeks) —       |              |               |                   |              |                |                |              |  |  |  |  |
| Under 2                                  | 13.4         | 10.7          | 7.2               | 17.9         | 20.1           | 11.1           | 31.2         |  |  |  |  |
| 2 and under 4                            | 21.8         | 12.9          | 11.5              | 24.4         | 34.9           | 11.3           | 46.2         |  |  |  |  |
| 4 and under 8                            | 26.8         | 10.1          | 10.8              | 20.9         | 37.8           | 10.0           | 47.7         |  |  |  |  |
| 8 and under 13                           | 25.4         | 7.5           | 11.4              | 18.9         | 37.6           | 6.7            | 44.3         |  |  |  |  |
| 13 and under 26                          | 36.5         | 12.2          | 24.3              | 36.5         | 61.8           | 11.2           | 73.0         |  |  |  |  |
| 26 and under 39                          | 29.2         | 6.7           | 20.5              | 27.2         | 49.3           | 8.3            | 56.3         |  |  |  |  |
| 39 and under 52                          | 9.8          | *             | *                 | 6.2          | 14.8           |                |              |  |  |  |  |
| 52 and over                              | 43.1         | 11.1          | 20.4              | 31.4         | 67.3           |                |              |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>206.0</b> | <b>73.0</b>   | <b>110.2</b>      | <b>183.3</b> | <b>323.6</b>   | <b>65.8</b>    | <b>389.3</b> |  |  |  |  |
| AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (weeks) |              |               |                   |              |                |                |              |  |  |  |  |
| All unemployed persons                   | 31.3         | 23.7          | 30.4              | 27.7         | 31.5           | 20.2           | 29.6         |  |  |  |  |
| Aged 15-19 years                         | 25.5         | 21.1          | 27.8              | 27.4         | 28.6           | 14.4           | 26.6         |  |  |  |  |
| Aged 20 years and over                   | 33.5         | 23.8          | 34.9              | 27.9         | 33.0           | 22.6           | 31.1         |  |  |  |  |

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 3. For definitions see paragraphs 4 to 12. (b) Never married, widowed and divorced.